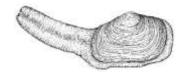
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area, as described in the September 14, 2012 geoduck fishery news release, will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013:**

District 3:

<u>St Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 25,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following areas, as described in the September 14, 2012 geoduck fishery news release, will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013:**

Districts 2 & 3:

<u>Lower Cordova Bay (Subdistricts 102-10, 103-11, 103-21)</u>: will be open for a guideline harvest level of 21,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

District 3:

<u>Ulitka Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-001)</u>: will be open for a guideline harvest level of 6,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

<u>Port Alice/Cone Bay (Subdistrict 103-90-002)</u>: will be open for a guideline harvest level of 9,300 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Districts 3 & 5:

Warren Island and Kosciusko Island (Subdistricts 103-90-005, 105-41, 43, 50-005): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 17,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

District 4:

<u>Port Santa Cruz (Subdistrict 104-30-002)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 30,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoduck clams harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. All geoduck clams harvested during a commercial fishery must be recorded on a fish ticket.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, January 25, 2013 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0313.

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